

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 4, 2011

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in their first regular session of the year, Tuesday, January 4, 2011 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes presented the minutes of the special meeting of December 28, 2010. Barnes made a correction to a statement in the last paragraph. Barnes stated that the minutes should reflect that he referred Sipple first to the BZA and then to the Board of Public Works. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Todd asked if the commissioners wanted the minutes to reflect what is right or what is said. Barnes responded that the minutes will reflect what is said.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, questioned the commissioners as to when the presentation regarding the commissioner's sale is scheduled. Todd was informed that SRI will be attending the January 18, 2010 meeting.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, reported that IN-Digital has expressed a desire to use a fiber link to hook up to the new City Police E-911 system between the City Police and the County Jail.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, had nothing to report.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-one (41) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail of which twelve (12) are women.

Sherwood reported that Alan Rice began duty as the new merit deputy today.

Sherwood reported of electrical problems within the jail over the weekend. The problem lasted three to four hours and the jail utilized the backup generator. Dispatch calls were transferred to the City.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims on a motion by Marvin Cole, Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Bi-Weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion Carried.

Adams asked the commissioners to approve the Covered Bridge Certification for 2011. Adams noted that five (5) covered bridges are being certified to the state.

Surety Bonds were approved for James L. Meyers; Mary Ann Beard; Phillip J. Caviness and Mary Ann Bridges on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

EMA

Raleigh Fire Department submitted their December 2010 EMS run report for review.

Deborah Adams also provided the commissioners with a letter received from Verlin Custer, Fire Chief regarding a claim for fire truck damage during a storm in 2008. The letter was addressed to Mike Ooley, EMA Director. Ooley was not available to discuss the claim.

Ambulance contracts for the 2011 calendar year for Raleigh Fire Department; Carthage Vol. Fire Dept; Anderson Twp. Fire Dept were signed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

The courthouse janitorial contract with Gilliam Janitorial was renewed on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Public requests to change the courthouse clock tower lights from the holiday red/green to the Colts Blue during their play off season was approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole.

MISC.

- Reappointed Julie Smith to the Public Defender Board on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Tom Barnes provided a follow up to the Wood Boiler complaint by Mable and Gary Bowling. Barnes reported that IDEM, EPA and Legislators were all contacted. Legislation has been proposed but will not be in place until August. Barnes explained that unfortunately nothing is on record to help these people. John Saxon (public citizen) questioned the commissioners what they would do if they felt that the county wanted to step in. Barnes responded that a public hearing would be held.

- The Regional Work Force Development Board paperwork was approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- District 9 meeting of EMA, DPOC will be held January 20, 2011

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/s/Tom Barnes</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor